

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 7 and 11, and add new claims 18-20 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising:
  - a liquid crystal display element[[,]];
  - a light source located right below a back surface of the liquid crystal element[[,]];
  - a substantially rectangular diffusion plate which is interposed between the liquid crystal display element and the light source;[[, and]]
  - at least one optical sheet which is arranged between the diffusion plate and the liquid crystal display element[[,]]; and
  - ~~wherein the liquid crystal display device includes~~ a transparent sheet which is arranged between the diffusion plate and the light source and has a contour which is substantially equal to a contour of the diffusion plate, [[and]]
  - wherein said at least one optical sheet is brought into contact with the diffusion plate, and respective major portions or respective whole portions of four sides of the transparent sheet are adhered to the diffusion plate to seal a gap therebetween from outside air.
2. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the whole four sides of the transparent sheet are adhered to diffusion plate.
3. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the transparent sheet is adhered to the diffusion plate using a pressure sensitive adhesive double-sided tape or a tacky adhesive agent.
4. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein at least one optical sheet is adhered to the diffusion plate.

5. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the liquid crystal display device includes a spacer which restricts a warp quantity of the diffusion plate in the direction toward the light source.
6. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 5, wherein at least one optical sheet is adhered to the diffusion plate.
7. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising:
  - a liquid crystal display element[[,]];
  - a light source located right below a back surface of the liquid crystal element[[,]];
  - a substantially rectangular diffusion plate which is interposed between the liquid crystal display element and the light source;[[, and]]
  - at least one optical sheet which is arranged between the diffusion plate and the liquid crystal display element[[,]];
  - ~~wherein the liquid crystal display device includes~~ a transparent sheet which is arranged between the diffusion plate and the light source and has a contour which is substantially equal to a contour of the diffusion plate, and
  - a spacer which restricts a warp quantity of the diffusion plate in the direction toward the light source, [[and]]
  - wherein said at least one optical sheet is brought into contact with the diffusion plate, and at least respective portions of four sides of the transparent sheet are adhered to the diffusion plate to seal a gap therebetween from outside air.
8. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 7, wherein the whole or major portions of four sides of the transparent sheet are adhered to diffusion plate.

9. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 7, wherein the transparent sheet is adhered to the diffusion plate using a pressure sensitive adhesive double-sided tape or a tacky adhesive agent.
10. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 7, wherein at least one optical sheet is adhered to the diffusion plate.
11. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising
- a liquid crystal display element[[,]];
  - a light source located right below a back surface of the liquid crystal element[[,]];
  - a substantially rectangular diffusion plate which is interposed between the liquid crystal display element and the light source;[[, and]]
  - at least one optical sheet which is arranged between the diffusion plate and the liquid crystal display element[[,]]; ~~wherein the liquid crystal display device includes~~ a transparent sheet which is arranged between the diffusion plate and the light source and has a contour which is substantially equal to a contour of the diffusion plate; and
  - a spacer which restricts a warp quantity of the diffusion plate in the direction toward the light source, ~~and~~
  - wherein said at least one optical sheet is brought into contact with the diffusion plate, and the whole surface of the transparent sheet is adhered to the diffusion plate.
12. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 2, wherein the transparent sheet is adhered to the diffusion plate using a pressure sensitive adhesive double-sided tape or a tacky adhesive agent.

13. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 2, wherein at least one optical sheet is adhered to the diffusion plate.
14. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 2, wherein the liquid crystal display device includes a spacer which restricts a warp quantity of the diffusion plate in the direction toward the light source.
15. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 14, wherein at least one optical sheet is adhered to the diffusion plate.
16. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 8, wherein the transparent sheet is adhered to the diffusion plate using a pressure sensitive adhesive double-sided tape or a tacky adhesive agent.
17. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 8, wherein at least one optical sheet is adhered to the diffusion plate.
18. (New) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the light source includes a plurality of fluorescent lamps.
19. (New) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 7, wherein the light source includes a plurality of fluorescent lamps.
20. (New) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 11, wherein the light source includes a plurality of fluorescent lamps.